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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are three (3) copies of a Memorandum of Railcar Lease, dated as of April 14, 1999, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Lessor:

The CIT Group/Equipment Finance, Inc.

1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

Lessee:

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company

100 East First Street Brewster, Ohio 44613

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

Various locomotives and railcars identified on Schedule A attached to the Memorandum

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Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$26.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Betty Waren

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MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF RAILCAR LEASE dated as of this 14th day of April, 1999 is made by The CIT Group/Equipment Financing, Inc., a New York corporation, with an address at 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (the "Lessor"), and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, with an address at 100 East First Street, Brewster, Ohio 44613 (the "Lessee" and, together with the Lessor, the "Parties").

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

WHEREAS, the Lessor and the Lessee entered into that certain Master Railcar Lease (the "Lease") dated as of April 14, 1999 covering the equipment listed on Schedule A hereto (the "Equipment").

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to show for the public record the existence of the aforesaid Lease, and the respective interests therein of the parties and accordingly the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Railcar Lease to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the Parties hereto, by this instrument the Lessor hereby leases and confirms the lease of the Equipment to the Lessee in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Lease, and the Lessee confirms and accepts such terms and conditions, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Lease to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC.

Tame: LAWRENCE E. LITTLEFIELD

Title: VICE PRESIDENT

WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY

Name: 2 arry R Pansons

Title: <u>CHAIRMAN</u> + CEO

STATE OF NEW YORK)	
)	SS.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)	

On this /// day of April, 1999, before me personally appears AWRENCE E. LITTLEFIELD to me personally know, who by me duly sworn, says that he/she is the // CE PRESIDENT of THE CIT GROUP/EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC. (the "Company"), that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of the said Company by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the said Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Mary Public

[SEAL]

My Commission expires:

INDRA BEDASIE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01BE6014602
Qualified in Queens County
Certificate Filed in New York County
Commission Expires October 19, 2000

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF STARK)

On this 15 day of April, 1999, before me personally appears LARRY R. Parsons to me personally know, who by me duly sworn, says that he/she is the Craim of WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY (the "Company"), that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of the said Company by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of the said Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My Commission expires:

Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires August 29, 1999

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